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Dear Cyril,

I'm glad that today's Post printed my letter next to yours because, I think, it fortifies your complaint against those finky doctors Belin cited.

I've heard that you were a consultant to Stone but had some disagreement with him.

If you issued any statement on that I'd appreciate a copy. I'm trying to compile as much as I can about that movie for the historical record.

As soon as I knew that Stone was basing a movie on Garrison's very dishonest book I wrote Stone, on 2/8/91, long before he started shooting, telling him he could not possibly produce an honest movie from thet book. He did not respond.

You may not have known it but he began by telling the world that his movie would record their history for the people, telling them who killed their President, why and how. Although he started saying the opposite after he got my letter and then knew of the coming Lardner article in the Post, he never really stopped saying that his movie would be historically and factually correct. If he had not said this, as part of an enormous exploitation and commercialization, if he had said that his movie was fiction, I'd not have begun the exposure he attributes to the CIA and the kept press.

Too bad that Garrison was a fraud and wrote so dishonest a book and too bad that a man of Stone's talents used it to make the movie he really used as a vehicle to say what he wanted to say about Viet Nam.

As people send me comments from their local papers it appears that there is hope for a re-investigation, which Stone pretends he wants. I think he does not give a damn. There is no prospect of any meaningful re-investigation as long as those who conduct it have to fear what the FBI will do in retaliation because there can be no real investigation that does not begin with the FBI.

I hear also that some people say they will now study the assassination. From the only readily-available books all they'll find is unproven theories usually presented as fact. So, there will be still more confusion on the part of those who will again be misled and misinformed.

I am keeping a file on reaction because I think it may be of value to scholars in the future.

Best wishes,

Harold

Harold Weisberg